GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to connect all the villages of Orissa with telephone by 2002;

(b) if so, the number of villages where telephone facility based on MARR technology has been provided as on date, district-wise;

(c) the number of existing telephones lying out of order;

(d) whether the Government propose to replace the said technology;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have provided satellite telephones in different block headquarters of the State after the Cyclone;
(g) if so, the details thereof; and
(h) if not, the time by which the said facility is likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total 11,863 villages have been provided with telephone facility based on MARR technology as on date. District-wise details are given in the enclosed annexure.

(c) Out of these 8,153 MARR based telephone are out of order as on date mainly due to the devastation caused by super cyclone and recent floods. Prior to super cyclone 3470 MARR based telephones were faulty.

(d) & (e): BSNL has planned to replace MARR based telephones by Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) systems in phased manne beginning this year.

(f) to (h): No, Sir. All block headquarters in the State are provided with telecom facility on conventional technology.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF TELEPHONE FACILITY BASED ON MARR TECHNOLOGY IN ORISSA

Sl.No.	Name of Revenue District	MARR VPTs Provided
1.	Angul	482
2.	Balasore	620
3.	Bargarh	540
4.	Bhadrak	342
5.	Bolangir	621
6.	Boudh	197
7	Cuttack	345

8. Deogarh 154

9. Dhenkanal 203
10. Gajapati 88
11. Ganjam 855
12. Jagatsinghpur 200
13. Jajpur 226
14 Jharsuguda 151
15 Kalahandi 463
16 Kandhamal(Phulbani) 62
17 Kendrapara 398
18 Keonjhar 548
19 Khurda 444
20 Koraput 705
21 Malkangiri 244
22 Mayurbhanj 974
23 Nowrangpur 438
24 Nayagarh 185
25 Naupada 230
26 Puri 483
27 Rayagada 470
28 Sambalpur 451
29 Sonepur 173
30 Sundergarh 571

TOTAL 11863